



## Virginia Association of School Nurses 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

Sheraton Park South Hotel  
Richmond, Virginia  
October 17-18, 2008



## Pathways to Evidence-Based Practice

**Keynote Speaker:**  
**Karen Remley, MD, MBA, FAAP**  
**State Health Commissioner**

**24th Annual VASN Conference Objective:** Offer a broad base of evidence-based school nursing best practices, content and strategies; while facilitating interaction among school nurses on a professional and social level.

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**Saturday, October 18, 2008 (4.5 Contact Hours)**

See separate Registration Form. Participants may register for the full 2 day conference agenda OR Friday meeting/lunch only OR Saturday meeting/lunch only. Return registrations with payment to Ann Switzer by October 3, 2008. Hotel reservations at the Sheraton Park South are to be made directly by each participant, by September 26, 2008; ask for VASN block, 1-800-525-9538. Questions: [aswitzer@mcpsweb.org](mailto:aswitzer@mcpsweb.org)

### **Friday, October 17, 2008 (6.5 Contact Hours)**

**7:30 am - 6:00 pm** Registration, Breakfast on your own

**9:00 am – 5:00 pm** Choose one session, Buffet Lunch included:

\_\_\_ Skills for taking the National Board Certification of School Nurses Exam  
Norma Bergey, RN, BSN, NCSN; Limited to 30 participants

\_\_\_ Pediatric Assessment Skills—Bring stethoscope & otoscope if available  
Elizebeth Morse, RN, Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

\_\_\_ Helping Administer to the Needs of the Student with Diabetes in School  
(H.A.N.D.S.<sup>SM</sup>)

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**\*\*Exhibits open during breaks and meals\*\***

**6:00 pm – 9:00 pm** Social Hour and Annual Banquet

School Nurse & Administrator of the Year Awards

**Speaker:** Dr. William C. Bosher, Jr., Executive Director of Commonwealth Educational Policy Institute of Virginia Commonwealth University  
School Nurses Practicing in the Education World

**7:30 am** Registration, Breakfast on your own

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**8:30 am** Keynote: Karen Remley, MD, MBA, FAAP, State Health Commissioner  
School Nurses and The Virginia Department of Health: An Enduring Partnership

**9:45 am – 11:15 am** Choose one of 3 (last choice is 2 sessions):

\_\_\_ Empowerment of School Nurses: Marketing  
Lisa Minor, RN, MSN; Judy Cunningham, RN, MS; Vicki Southall, RN, MSN  
Defining the School Nurse Role and capitalizing on the well respected career of professional nursing; advocating for yourself and school nursing department

\_\_\_ Impact and Management of Chronic Illness in our Schools  
Debra Clark, RN, AE-C, BS

Psychological, emotional, and educational impact of illness and the challenges of working with the student with chronic illness at school will be explored.

\_\_\_ Why More Shots? – Evidence- Based Requirements & Recommendations  
Speaker Provided by Sanofi Pasteur

Research to support recommended, not yet mandated, vaccines. A session to equip school nurses with the answers to student /parent/administrator questions

AND Medicaid Updates with Amy Edwards, VA DOE Medicaid Specialist  
Skilled nursing & personal care documentation; new administrative claiming

**11:30 am– 12:30 pm** Buffet Lunch in Restaurant - Seating by Area

**12:30 pm – 1:30 pm** VASN Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers

**1:45 pm – 3:45 pm** Urgencies & Emergencies: Mass Casualties at School  
Karen Owens, VA EMS; Gwen Smith, RN, MSN; Mary Claire Ikenberry, RN, MS  
Experts from VA Emergency Services & DOE guide us in using the new DOE Crisis Manual, Leading School First Aid Teams & Practice with Drills

**3:45 pm – 4:00 pm** Raffle Drawings, Turn in Evaluations, Distribution of Attendance Certificates